

## BOOK INQUIRY NEARING ITS END

Fine Progress Made Yesterday and Interesting Testimony Given.

HON. A. J. MONTAGUE  
FOR SINGLE LIST

Gives Committee His Reasons  
Clearly for Supporting This  
View—Dr. Kent, Professor  
Bowles and Dr. Tyler Testify  
at Length—All for  
Multiple List.

With the schoolbook inquiry nearing completion, nothing has been brought out in the testimony which is in any way sensational, and not even a suspicion of anything pertaining in the remotest degree to scandal has even been suggested.

No one, however, not even the members of the committee, expected to develop any wrongdoing, and in this regard, therefore, no surprise is felt.

The committee held two long sessions yesterday, recalled nearly all the witnesses who had previously testified, examined former Governor A. J. Montague, Dr. Kent, Professor Bowles and Dr. Tyler, and adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning. It is likely that Attorney-General Anderson will be the first witness to-day, and that all the testimony will be in by to-morrow afternoon.

### Montague on Stand.

Former Governor Montague was the first witness who has testified that he favored the single book list, and he made a strong showing for this view. He declared he had offered such a resolution in the board in 1904, and he was more strongly for it now than ever. He thought the interest of such book companies as were had all over the State before the last adoption were corrupting, and he did not wish to see them repeated in Virginia. The former Executive declared that a book that was good for a child in America ought to be good for a child in Nelson, and he cited many other reasons for favoring the single list.

### Caused a Laugh.

While on the stand Mr. Montague created great merriment by declaring to Chairman Byrd that if anything further was to be done about enforcing book contracts in Virginia it had better be taken up by "the powers that be," as he was now in a state of "irreconcilable detestation." Nothing of an unpleasant nature took place during the day, and this remark from the former Governor was drawn from him in a good-natured colloquy between himself and Chairman Byrd. Dr. Kent gave his views at length in favor of the multiple system, and his testimony was in the main an illuminating discussion of the subject of public education.

Professor Bowles was perhaps the most pronounced multiple list man of all the witnesses, and he declared that the trend of sentiment among educators throughout the country was in favor of this view. His and Chairman Byrd exchanged a few warm words at times, but both spoke in perfectly good humor.

### Dr. Tyler's Views.

Dr. Tyler was for the multiple list, but said in the election of Superintendent Hagston on a single list platform, the people had spoken, and that if he were a member of the board at the next adoption he was inclined to favor the single list. He set great value on book adoption campaigns from a point of view of education, and said the last one had done a great deal to enlighten and arouse the people along these lines.

### MORNING SESSION.

#### Committee Goes to Work in Earnest on Second Day.

The committee convened at 9:25 o'clock, and Captain West was recalled and was asked why he had moved in the board to purchase cloth instead of board-bound books.

"I made that," he said, "because I was sure the cloth-bound book was more economical, even though it cost more money. I believed I was doing the parent a favor by requiring that only cloth-bound books be used in our schools."

"Have you had any personal experience in this matter?" asked Chairman Byrd.

"No, sir; I acted upon my information obtained as a school superintendent." Questioned by Mr. Strode, Captain West said he had had no experience as to whether the interior of the book would wear out before the back would, though he thought the back of a cloth-bound book would certainly outlast the interior.

### Dignity of Book.

Mr. Glass was recalled, and he agreed with Captain West on this point. He thought the best book should always be bought, and he was decidedly in favor of the cloth. The dignity of the book ought to be considered, and witness would like to be very poor before he would buy a board-bound book for his child.

"Do you think it would be wise," asked Mr. Byrd, "to give the parent the option of buying a cloth book?"

"I would always prefer the cloth-bound book." Mr. Glass was examined at some length as to the revision of "Stopping Stones to Literature," and witness declared that he thought the revision was an improvement.

He said the old book had been put out of his schools because it was too steeply graded. He did not use either in Lynchburg at this time. Mr. Cox wanted to know if it was customary in all schools for children to

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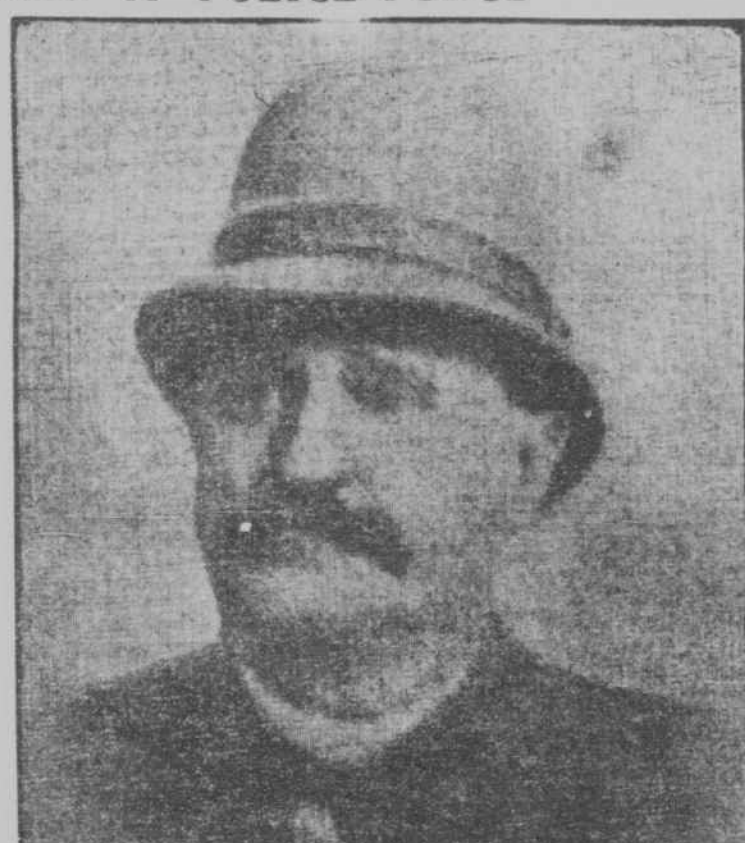
## OFFICERS WHO FIGURE IN REORGANIZATION OF POLICE FORCE



SERGEANT W. A. BARFOOT.  
Who becomes captain of First District.



OFFICER H. A. AMOS.  
Who becomes sergeant.



SERGEANT G. W. EPPS.  
Who becomes captain of Second District.

## "THRU" WITH NEW PLAN FOR SPELLING

House By a Unanimous  
Vote Decides to Return  
to Old Method.

PRESIDENT GIVES UP  
WITHOUT STRUGGLE

Said He Did Not Wish to Have  
Question Overshadow Mat-  
ters of Great Importance  
and Would Re-  
voke His  
Order.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.—President Roosevelt will withdraw his sweeping spelling order to the public printer, and hereafter all documents from the executive departments will again be printed in the old-fashioned style.

Representative Landis, of the joint Committee on Spelling, had a conference to-day with the President, when the President said that he did not wish to have spelling overshadow matters of great importance, and expressed a willingness to revoke his order for the new spelling in case the House of Representatives should go on record as opposed to the system. Accordingly, late this afternoon, Mr. Landis introduced the following resolution in the House:

**Landis Resolution.**  
Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that hereafter in printing reports, documents, or other publications, authorized by law, ordered by Congress, or other branch thereof, or emanating from the executive departments, their bureaus or branches, and independent offices of the government, the Government Printing Office should adhere to the standard of orthography prescribed in generally accepted dictionaries of the English language.

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## COMMITTS SUICIDE WITH CHEESE KNIFE

Rankin Duvall, Actor, Kills  
Himself In a  
Saloon.

NEW YORK, December 12.—A sensational attempt at suicide was made in a Sixth Avenue saloon to-day by a man who described himself as Rankin Duvall, an actor, forty years of age. Duvall entered the saloon, and, walking up to the lunch counter, picked up a long-bladed knife and, turning to the bartender with a smile, asked: "May I use this?"

"Certainly," replied the bar-tender, thinking he was about to carve some cheese for himself. Instead, to the horror of the people in the saloon, he unbuttoned his coat and vest, and, pressing the point of the knife to his abdomen, threw himself heavily to the floor so that the big blade ripped his body. Before any of the men close by could spring on him and wrest the knife from him he had thrust the weapon twice more into the frightful wound.

Duvall did not lose consciousness, and when asked why he had done such a thing, replied: "Oh! I'm a criminal, that's all."

At the hospital, where Duvall was taken, it is said he has only a slight chance for recovery.



CAPTAIN E. P. HULCE.  
Who becomes desk sergeant of Second District.



OFFICER F. M. KRAFT.  
Who becomes sergeant.



CAPTAIN W. B. WHITLOCK.  
Who becomes desk sergeant of First District.

## TOOK GOODS FROM A BLAZING STORE

Men and Boys Drenched While  
Saving Property of Type-  
writer Company.

### FIRE IN DANGEROUS PLACE

Gasoline Used to Clean Machines  
Ignited in Some Manner  
Unknown

Fire broke out yesterday evening about 6:30 o'clock in the Columbia Bar Lock Typewriter Company's storehouse at 712 East Main Street, and caused considerable damage. Gasoline, used to clean the typewriters, ignited in some way that cannot be explained, and, feeding on such combustible fuel, the flames soon blazed forth in an alarming extent.

Much material on the first floor was saved from damage by water by scores of men and boys, who ran in and took out everything they could lay their hands on. Mr. E. H. Clowes, manager, worked energetically with the rest, and got considerably soaked for his pains.

**Confined to Second Floor.**  
The fire was confined to the second floor, where considerable damage was done both by the blaze and by the water. The first floor was untouched by the fire, but everything in the place was drenched. Mrs. Anderson said that she could not estimate the damage, but that Mr. Clowes added that it would be some time before the place could be repaired.

It was some time before the fire department could be got to respond. A telephone message was sent to headquarters from Mr. Anderson's store, and the reply was to turn in the alarm. Engines Nos. 2, 4 and 7 and Truck No. 1 finally responded.

**People Drenched.**  
A large crowd was attracted by the fire, and it was only by the energetic work of a number of the men present that much greater damage was prevented. The main loss will be the result of water soaking, as great streams poured through the ceilings of both places. A number of men were drenched in moving the things, but everything was finally got out and placed in other nearby stores.

No one knows how the fire started. The typewriter people keep a lot of gasoline for cleaning purposes, and in some way this became ignited, and in a moment the whole second floor was ablaze.

### CAROLINA HAS HEN RAISING PUPPIES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., December 12.—Mr. T. H. Hudson, chief clerk to the State Auditor, has at his house in this city a hen which has adopted ten pups, and is caring for them just as she would a brood of chickens.

## DECLINE OFFER TO ARBITRATE

Employing Printers Reject Prop-  
osition Made by Local Union  
as to Conference.

### MAYOR GIVES UP ALL HOPE

Sends Letter to Organizer, De-  
claring That Efforts Have  
Been Unsuccessful.

All hope of arbitration of the dispute between members of the International Typographical Union and of Local Union No. 30, of this city, and their late employers, vanished yesterday.

Overtures had been made recently to the employers' organization, known as the Richmond Typothetae, by Mr. R. G. Brady, organizer of the International Union, and others connected with the local organization, looking to a conference in the hope of an agreement and the termination of the strike, now nearly fifteen months old. Mayor Carlton McCarthy was made the medium of communication between employer and employee, and was authorized on behalf of the printers to ask a conference with the former employers of the strikers.

The overture was limited by the condition that the strikers and their representatives would concede nothing as to the eight-hour day and the closed shop, the two chief contentions originally precipitating the strike. Their overture was communicated to the Typothetae two weeks or more ago by the Mayor, and his communication was acknowledged with the further statement that it would be definitely responded to as soon as the organization met and formulated a reply.

**Received Letter.**  
Since then nothing has been heard from the employers until yesterday, when Mayor McCarthy received a communication from President William Ellis Jones, the text of which he did not make public, merely stating that they had declined the proffered conference in positive terms. It is understood that the Typothetae is emphatic in stating that they do not care to name a representative at the proposed conference.

Without giving out the letter to him from Mr. Jones, Mayor McCarthy declined the following announcement of the failure of the arbitration proposal to the gentleman named.

Mr. R. G. Brady, Organizer International Typographical Union, Allen Hotel, Richmond, Va.

My Dear Sir:—I desire to have to inform you that I am in receipt of a letter from the Richmond Typothetae, which in positive terms declines to appoint a representative to a conference with representatives of the International Typographical Union.

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## PRIEST AND GIRL COMMIT SUICIDE

Father Quinn and Miss Kiley, of  
Atlantic Highlands, Die of  
Gas Poison.

### BISHOP HAD DEPOSED HIM

Scandal Had Been Busy with His  
Name for Some Time  
Past.

NEW YORK, December 12.—A man about forty years of age, believed to be the Rev. C. S. Quinn, pastor of St. Agnes' Church at Atlantic Highlands, N. J., and a young woman, thought to be Miss E. Kiley, also of Atlantic Highlands, were found dead in a room on the top floor of an East Eighth Street boarding-house to-day. The room was filled with gas, which had escaped from a partially open gas in the room. The couple had been at the house since Wednesday evening. The man called at the house last week, and inquired about the price of a room for a married couple. When informed that it would be \$1 a week, he said it was rather too much for him to pay, as he was on of work. He was not seen again until last Tuesday when he called and enquired the woman. They carried between them four grips and satchels.

**Dismissed from Church.**  
Father C. S. Quinn, who is supposed to have been the man who, in company with a woman, was found dead in New York in a boarding-house to-day, was formerly assistant pastor of St. Agnes' Roman Catholic Church, in this place. He was dismissed from his charge about three weeks ago by Bishop McFall, of Trenton. As soon as he was notified of his dismissal, the priest left here, and did not return. The housekeeper at the rectory left town about a week ago. Father Quinn came here last June. His former place of residence is not known.

### RAILWAY EMPLOYES GET INCREASED PAY

SCRANTON, PA., December 12.—General Superintendent T. E. Clarke, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, to-day announced a ten per cent. increase in the wages of all employees in the transportation department of the company, effective January 1st next. This includes all station agents, baggage masters, clerks, telegraph operators and other employees on the main line from Hoboken to Buffalo, and all branch lines, affecting, all told, about 1,600 persons. The increase will add about \$50,000 yearly to the pay-roll. This order has nothing to do with the train service of the company, the engineers, firemen and switchmen having already been granted a ten-hour day and wage increase. Negotiations for higher wages are pending in behalf of the conductors and trainmen.

## CARDINAL ASKS FOR JUSTICE

Says the American People  
Do Not Understand  
French Situation.

"THEY HATE GOD;  
THEY HATE CHRIST"

Avers That the Fight is Made  
Against Religion, and Quotes  
Blasphemous Passages in  
Recent Speeches Made  
in Chamber of  
Deputies.

BALTIMORE, December 12.—"The American public does not understand the present crisis in France," said Cardinal Gibbons, when asked, this evening for his opinion on the French situation. He continued:

"I am getting to be an old man now, and I think I know my countrymen. They love fair play; they love liberty; they love to see humane dealings of man with man. And the late years have shown how cordially they hate injustice, tyranny and inhumanity. And yet France has created her noblest citizens with injustice and inhumanity, and America, which has sympathy for the oppressed of all nations, has raised no protest nor uttered a word of sympathy."

"If I believed that my countrymen would knowingly see a great and beneficent organization unjustly deprived of its property and the means of continued usefulness; would knowingly see tens of thousands of honest men and noble women robbed of their last income and means of support; would knowingly see hundreds of thousands, and even several millions, of people brutally wounded in what they hold dearest and most sacred; would knowingly see a majority in the chambers, utterly disregarded and trampled upon the rights of the minority and the rights of millions of their countrymen—in the name of liberty—would knowingly see tens of thousands of men and women who happen to be prelates and nuns, turned out of their homes for no crime but that of loving God and serving their neighbor, I say, if my countrymen can see and recognize all this injustice and tyranny and cruelty and refuse genuine sympathy to those who suffer by them because of their religious belief, then I will leave life without that faith in human love of justice and liberty and humanity which has been my consolation."

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## FIXES BLAME FOR THE WRECK

Coroner's Jury Sitting in Danville  
Holds Southern Re-  
sponsible.

DANVILLE, VA., December 12.—The coroner's investigation of the wreck on the Southern here on the morning of the 8th of December was held to-day. State Corporation Commissioner Henry C. Stuart was present, representing the commission.

An official stenographer took all of the testimony. The following is the verdict of the coroner's jury:

We, the jury, find George C. Kinney and W. B. King came to their death in the Danville yards of the Southern Railway, caused by passenger train No. 34 colliding with rear end of freight No. 82, and also caused by incompetent employees of the Southern Railway Company, or carelessness on the part of the management of the Southern Railway system somewhere.

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He has been on the force since April 15, 1896, and has shown more and more valuable in his one of his seventeen years service. Since the creation of the bicycle squad, Officer Amos has been detailed thereto and has again proved his efficiency.

The choice of Officer Kraft, as the other sergeant to fill a vacancy, is another excellent one. He was appointed a member of the force February 25, 1897, and is rounding out his tenth year of service as an officer. His intelligence and efficiency, and his record as an officer were the considerations influencing the board in this selection.

The New Captains.

Captain W. A. Barfoot, who, with the

## BIG SHAKE-UP IN POLICE SERVICE; NEW MEN CHOSEN

Barfoot and Epps Succeed Whitlock and Hulce As Captains.

INSPECTORSHIP  
IS ABOLISHED

Amos and Kraft Both Made Sergeants, and Bailey is Placed on Detective Corps—Five New Officers Elected to Fill Vacancies.

## List of Changes Made by Police Commissioners

Inspector—  
Position abolished.  
Captains—  
First District, W. A. Barfoot.  
Second District, G. W. Epps.  
Desk Sergeants—  
First District, W. B. Whitlock.  
Second District, E. P. Hulce.  
Sergeants elected—  
H. A. Amos, F. M. Kraft.  
Detailed at Headquarters—  
Sergeant Forrest C. Bailey.  
Retired—  
Sergeant John T. Hall.  
Elected Patrolmen—  
Messrs. Krug, Giller, Daniels, Werner and Spurr.  
Changes as to officers effective January 1, 1907.

The long-predicted reorganization of the Police Department of the city of Richmond came yesterday. It had for four or five months been understood that the Board contemplated relieving the two station captains of their out-of-door work and the heavy responsibilities of their commands, and placing them in charge as station sergeants with indoor work. As to the office of inspector, held by Captain G. W. Epps since its creation, it was understood that this would be abolished, but it was not known what assignment would be given that officer until yesterday's meeting.

The above summary of the action of the board briefly states the action taken. While the exact procedure of the board is not known, by reason of the fact that it was not in executive session, it is understood that a resolution, offered about four months ago and defeated then by the Mayor's vote, was renewed yesterday and adopted by a close vote, providing for the reduction of the two captains to the rank of sergeants, and the rank of sergeants and their assignment to desk work and the abolition of the office of inspector. Upon the adoption of this resolution the changes noted were made. The retirement of Sergeant John T. Hall, one of the oldest officers in the service, and another vacancy which had existed for some time, necessitated the election of two more officers to that grade.

The assignment of Sergeant Forrest C. Bailey to headquarters, which means to the detective corps, was anticipated, he having served for some months by special assignment to the corps.

**No Reflection on Them.**  
The election of Sergeant W. A. Barfoot to succeed Captain W. B. Whitlock as captain in command of the First Police Station, and the transfer of Captain George W. Epps from the position of inspector, which office was abolished, to the command of the Second District, appear to have been rather unexpected. The selection of Sergeant W. A. Barfoot, however, was not entirely unforeseen, having been foreseen.

The retirement of Captain Whitlock and Hulce from active service is not intended nor regarded as in any way a reflection upon them as officers or men, but is the result of the policy of the board to select younger men for the arduous and responsible duties of commanding the districts.

Both men have been connected with the department for many years, and have won their promotion to the rank of captain on their own merits. Their reflection to the rank of sergeant and assignment to indoor work at the stations, where they will for many years give the city the benefit of their valuable experience and service, was a necessary result of their retirement from the captaincy, there being no other plan of rewarding long and faithful service. In the army, officers are retired at the attainment of a specified age on half pay, retaining their titles, but having no rank in the active service. The two retired captains will have both rank and pay, and though officially only sergeants after January 1st, will always be regarded by the public and addressed by their fellow-officers as captain. A report to the effect that Captain Hulce had determined to retire from the service altogether could not be verified last night.

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